# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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MERGER OF THE EMPLOYEES OF DRDAS WITH DISTRICT PANCHAYATS
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the employees of District Rural Development Agencies have been merged with District Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details of States where such merger has taken place; and

(c) if not, the time by which the merger is likely to take place in other States?

## Answer

MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (c) As per the information available with the Ministry of Rural Development, the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in the States of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal are working as separate cells under the Zilla Parishads. The Guidelines ofthe Scheme of DRDA Administration provide thatthe DRDAs would maintaintheir separate identity but will function under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Zilla Parishad.The Guidelines do not provide for merger of the employees of DRDAs with Zilla Parishads. As a matter of policy, the DRDAs are not supposed to have any permanent staff and employees are to be taken on deputation to the DRDAs for specific periods.